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## **UPDATE**

SUFFOLK, VA (January 31, 2018) The victim in today's incident remains in critical condition at Sentara Norfolk General Hospital.

The preliminary investigation indicated no foul play was involved in the incident. The Suffolk Fire Marshal's Office noted that the victim reportedly was attempting to start the boiler which feeds water and heat to the business and attempted to use gasoline as an accelerant resulting in the flash fire which burned the victim.

The Fire Marshal's Office advised that OSHA is still investigating the incident.

## **SUFFOLK FIRE & RESCUE RESPOND TO INCIDENT ON CAROLINA ROAD**

SUFFOLK, VA (January 31, 2018) Suffolk Fire & Rescue responded to a report of a person on fire at a business located in the 1200 block of Carolina Road today, January 31, 2018. Emergency Dispatchers were notified of the incident at 7:31 a.m.

Suffolk Fire & Rescue Battalion Chief Chuck Knight noted the first fire unit arrived on the scene at 7:39 a.m. and found an adult male victim suffering from severe burns that are potentially life threatening. The male is being airlifted via Nightingale to Sentara Norfolk

General Hospital. The victim was reportedly working on an outside boiler at Ervin Architectural Products when a flash fire occurred. The building did not catch on fire.

Battalion 1, Rescue 1, Engine 2, Engine 3, Engine 1, Engine 4, Medic 3A, Safety 1, Fire Marshal 6, EMS 1, Sheriff 10, and Suffolk Police responded to the incident.

The incident remains under investigation.

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